Mobile ration shops in adivasi areas

*7. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued any directives to the State Governments to introduce mobile ration shops specifically in predominantly adivasi areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any of the States have introduced such a scheme, if so, what is the extent of effectiveness and acceptability of the Scheme by the Adivasies;

(c) what is the per tonne expense borne by the State Governments under this Scheme; and

(d) by when Government propose to introduce such scheme in all predominant Adivasi areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) The Central Government requested the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations to introduce the mobile vans to cover consumers in areas which cannot be covered by static fair price shops (FPS) such as hilly, remote, farflung, desert, tribal and inaccessible areas.

The Central Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs for purchase of mobile vans to be used as mobile fair price shops in remote, far-flung, tribal areas. The Scheme was introduced in 1985–86 and during the period from 1985-86 to 1992-93, the States/UTs were given financial assistance for purchase of 659 vehicles amounting to Rs. 18.24 crores. Assistance is currently provided at the rate of Rs. 4.0 lakhs per vehicle and comprises 50% subsidy and 50% loan. Special emphasis is being placed on the coverage of areas under Revamped PDS, which include areas under Integrated Tribal Development Projects. In the Revamped PDS areas such vans could be used for door step delivery of PDS Commodities to FPSs. The running costs etc. of the vans are met by State Governments.

Information relating to per tonne expenses incurred by the State Government are not maintained by the Central Government. The scheme is a part of the Plan and would continue on a regular basis.

Pending cases before Central Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts

*8. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the location of each Central Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court alongwith its territorial jurisdiction and total number of Industrial disputes pending before each of them during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of disputes among them, that are three, five and ten years old;

(c) whether any new Industrial Tribunal/ Labour Court has been set up during the last three years, if so, the date and the territorial jurisdiction of each;

(d) whether any demand to set up new Industrial Tribunals from MPs/Central Trade Unions/State Governments have been pending before Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken for the speedy disposal of old pending disputes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PAIBAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b)